

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Richard E. Waitkus, Jr.** § Group Art No. **2857**  
Serial No.: **10/774,240** § Examiner: **Tung S. Lau**  
Filed: **February 6, 2004** §  
For: **Systems and Methods for Material Management** § Atty Docket No.: **016093.0118**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 28, 2006**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2006 and Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed on December 13, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The one-month shortened statutory period expires on January 13, 2006. This Response is filed on the next PTO business day and is therefore timely filed.

- **Amendments to the Abstract** begins on page 1 of this paper;
- **Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.